

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-18-8-7  
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Smith Hoyle House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/8/7 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6  
Boys HD Coordinate H-14
3. Address: 19916 White Grounds Rd.  
Boys, Md.
5. Classification Summary
- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category <u>building</u>             | Previous Survey Recordin <u>MNCPPC</u>                               |
| Ownership <u>private</u>             | Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites</u>                                |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>        | <u>Inventory 1976</u>  |
| Status <u>occupied</u>               |  |
| Accessible <u>no</u>                 | Federal <u>    </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u>    </u> |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> |  |

6. Date: 1904 7. Original Owner: John M. Williams

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by two bay, two and a half story frame house faces southeast. The exterior walls were clapboarded but now have white aluminum siding. The southeast porch has a half-hipped roof with a centered cross gable supported by four wooden columns. There are one-over-one double-hung windows arranged in double and triple combinations. The southeast first level windows extend down to the porch floor. The house has a hipped roof pierced on four elevations for cross gables. There is a palladian window in the southeast cross gable.

10. Significance: This house is one of those built by a founder of Boys, James Emory Williams, as part of this community. Its principal owners, Smith and Ella Mae Hoyle, moved to the house in 1919. The Boys Presbyterian Church was a prime influence in their lives, and in those of the current owners. Undoubtedly the Hoyles' loyalty affected the stability of this church.

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George Phillip Smith Hoyle was born in a log house near his father's grist and saw mill on the west bank of Little Seneca Creek September 27, 1868. Like his father, Smith Hoyle became a miller, purchasing in the 1890s both the old water mill and a new steam-powered mill which his father erected at Boys Station after the railroad opened in 1873.

The present owners bought the property in 1976 from Hoyle's widow who was 97 years old. They are carefully restoring the house.

11. Researcher and date researched: Candy Reed - Arch. Description  
Margaret Coleman 10/79
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage: 20,419 sq. ft.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Smith Hoyle House

AND/OR COMMON

Gibson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 19916 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

S.C. and V.A. Gibson

Telephone #: 972-9180

STREET &amp; NUMBER

19916 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4758

Folio #: 193

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two-and-a-half story, four square, frame house is located on the northwest side of White Grounds Road. It faces southeast and has a hipped roof pierced on all four sides by cross gables. Each cross gable is decorated by a wooden truss and a rectangular window. At the southeast (front) elevation this cross gable window is a small Palladian window with stained glass sidelights. The roof is covered by asbestos shingles and the exterior walls of the house, originally clapboarded, have been covered recently by aluminum siding. There is a central stove chimney. Windows are one-over-one light double-hung grouped in pairs and on the southeast (front) elevation, at the second story, in a triple composition. On the first floor southeast (front) elevation, there is one paired window which is elongated to reach the porch floor.

The interior of the house is arranged about a central hall. The south room has a three-sided projecting bay window with a balustraded ceiling arch. There was a recent kitchen addition made on the northwest side of this house.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>Local History |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James Emory Williams

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Smith Hoyle had joined the Boyds Presbyterian Church in 1887. He was probably the most active member in the church's history, serving as Sunday School teacher and superintendent for 63 years, trustee for 62 years, elder for 61 years, treasurer for 47 years, and general handyman until he fell from a ladder and broke his hip attempting repairs at the manse. He died in 1956, and is buried at his church's cemetery.

Smith's wife, Ella Mae, had been a student in his first Sunday School class. Following their marriage, he built a small house adjacent to his mill on Little Seneca Creek. She became a loyal church member, serving it regularly in many ways, and becoming the first woman to be ordained an elder in 1969. Following her husband's death, she remained in her home, caring for a handicapped son, Russell, who died in 1962 at the age of 62. Mrs. Hoyle intended to live out her life in this house, but was moved to a nursing home at age 97 when her health began to fail. She died May 9, 1979, nearly reaching her 101st birthday July 8.

The present owners bought the property in 1976, and are carefully restoring the house. Like the Hoyles, they are active in the church and community affairs, serving as officers of the church and historical society, and as scout leaders.

## FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 178/318 (August 4, 1904).
2. Ibid., 230/490 (December 20, 1912).
3. Ibid., 278/443 (April 9, 1919).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Duffin, Lorraine, White Grounds Road, Boyds. Interview, 1979.  
 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
Montgomery County Sentinel, July 25, 1873.  
 Reffit, Mrs. Edna, Boyds, Md. Interview.  
 U.S. Census Records.  
 Vail, Earle L. The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station. Boyds  
 Presbyterian Church, Boyds, Md., 1976.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20,419 square feet

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
| STATE | COUNTY |

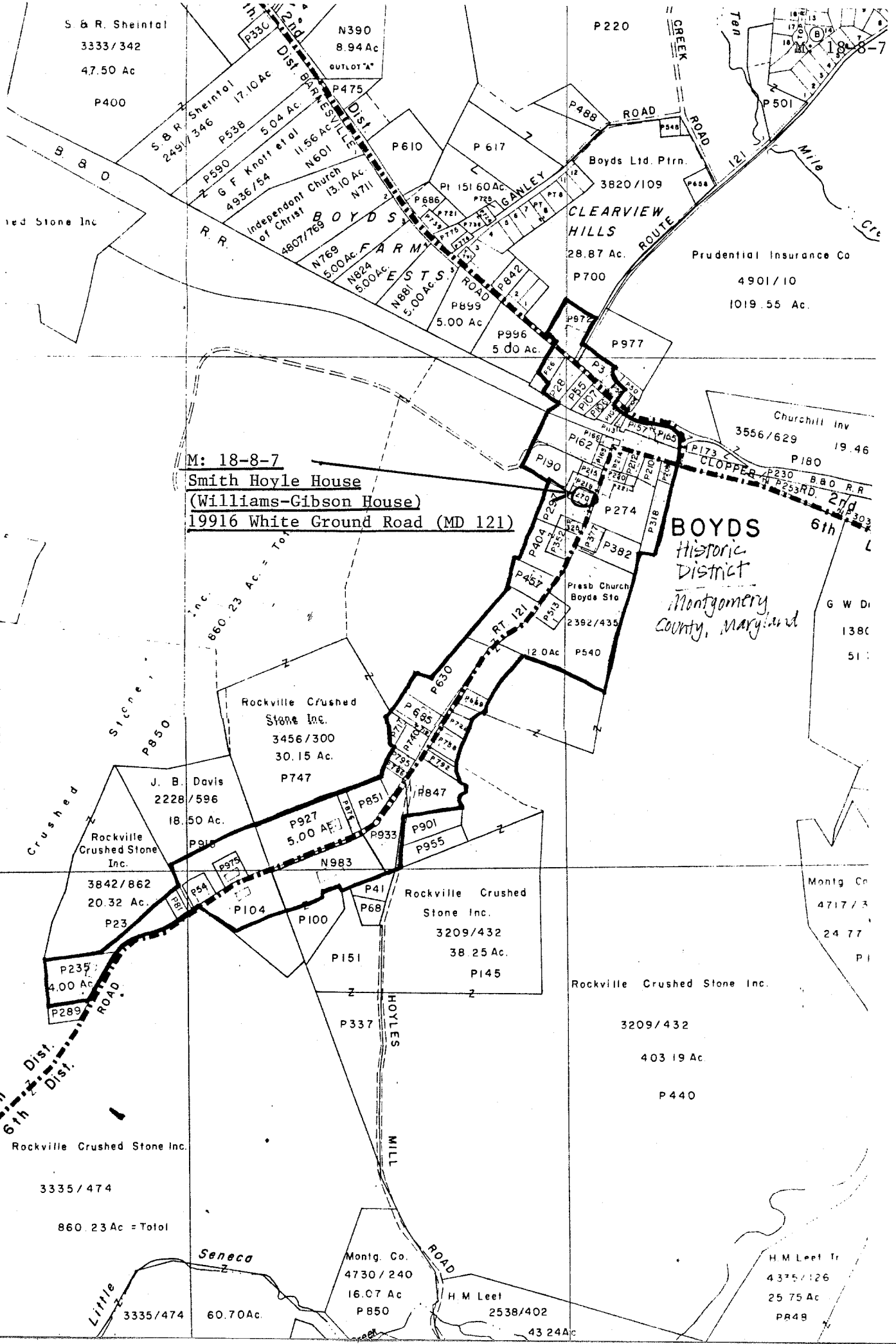
**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

|                 |                           |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| NAME / TITLE    | Margaret Coleman          | Candy Reed                |
| ORGANIZATION    | Sugarloaf Regional Trails | Architectural Description |
| STREET & NUMBER | Box 87                    | DATE<br>10/79             |
| CITY OR TOWN    | Dickerson                 | TELEPHONE<br>926-4510     |
|                 |                           | STATE<br>Maryland 20753   |

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438



S & R. Sheintal  
3333/342  
47.50 Ac  
P400

N390  
8.94 Ac  
OUTLOT "A"

P220

CREEK  
ROAD  
121

18-8-7  
P501  
Mile  
Cte

ed Stone Inc

S & R. Sheintal  
249/346  
17.10 Ac  
P538  
504 Ac  
P590  
Z G F Knott et al  
4936/54  
11.56 Ac  
N601  
Independent Church  
of Christ  
4807/768  
500 Ac  
N768  
500 Ac  
N824  
500 Ac  
N881  
500 Ac

P610

P617

Boyd's Ltd. Ptnr.  
3820/109  
P488  
ROAD  
121

CLEARVIEW  
HILLS  
28.87 Ac.  
P700

Prudential Insurance Co  
4901/10  
1019.55 Ac.

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Smith Hoyle House  
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19916 White Ground Road (MD 121)

BOYDS  
Historic  
District  
Montgomery  
County, Maryland

Churchill Inv  
3556/629  
19.46  
P180

CLOPPER  
2230 B&O R.R.  
P253 RD. 2nd  
6th

G W Di  
1380  
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Rockville Crushed  
Stone Inc.  
3456/300  
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P747

J. B. Davis  
2228/596  
18.50 Ac.  
P916

Rockville  
Crushed Stone  
Inc.  
3842/862  
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P23

P235  
4.00 Ac.  
P289

P927  
5.00 Ac.  
P933

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P104

P100

P151

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Stone Inc.  
3209/432  
38.25 Ac.  
P145

HOYLES  
MILL  
ROAD

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3209/432

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P440

Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.

3335/474

860.23 Ac = Total

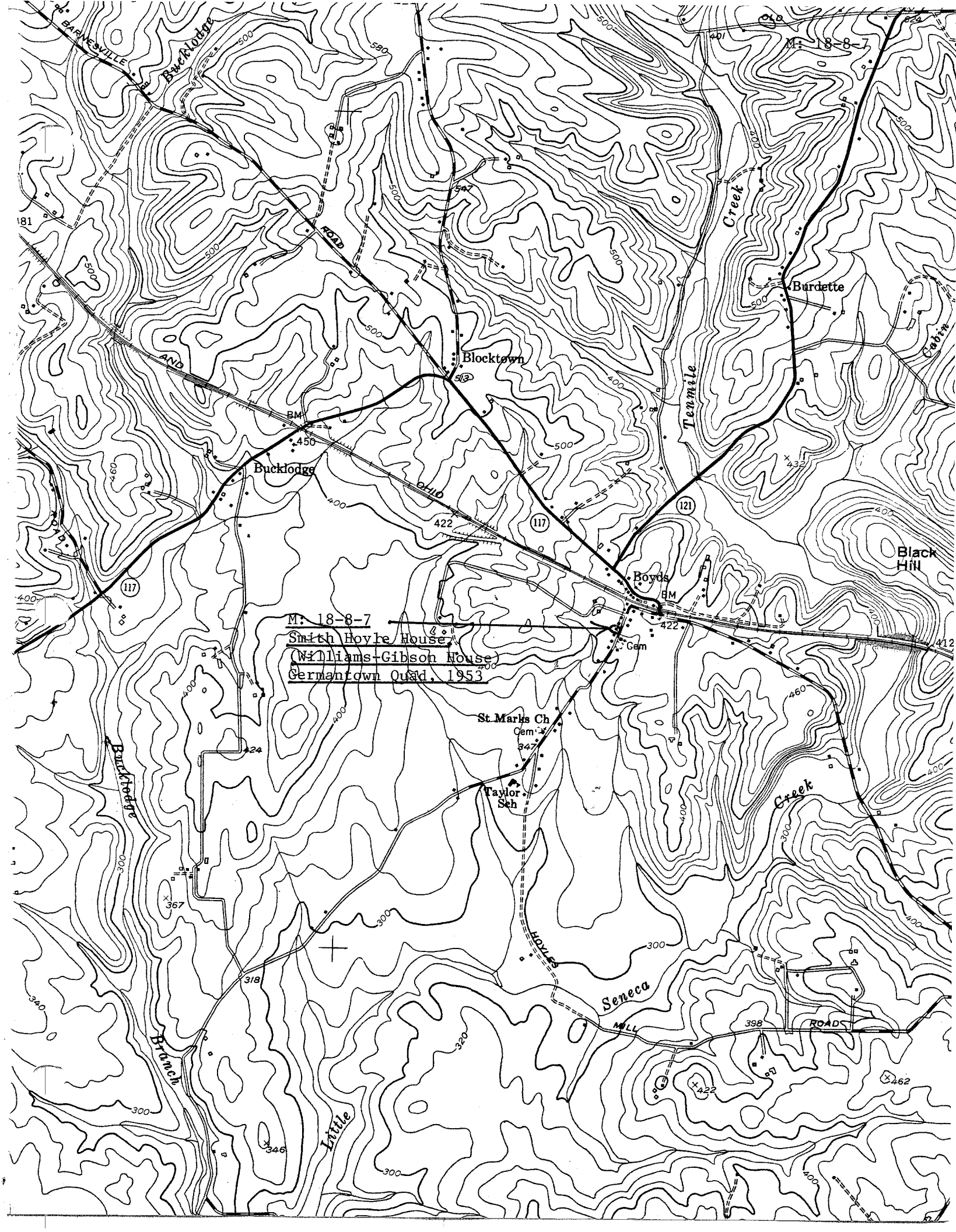
Seneca

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P850

H M Leet  
2538/402

H M Leet Tr  
4375/126  
25.75 Ac  
P848

43.24 Ac



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Smith Hoyle House  
(Williams-Gibson House)  
German town Quad, 1953





Smith Hoyle House

n: 18-8-7

(Williams House, Gibson House)

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